# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA WHEELING DIVISION

MARK MCEVOY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 5:22-cv-00171-JPB Judge John P. Bailey

DIVERSIFIED ENERGY COMPANY PLC, et al.,

Defendants.

# **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT**

The Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' claims pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1). In further support, Defendants offer the accompanying Memorandum of Law.

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